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1                   AMENDMENT TO HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 90

2           AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Joint Resolution 90 by  
3 replacing everything after the heading with the following:

4           "WHEREAS, The Governor claims that local units of  
5 government are constrained by State law in their ability to  
6 bargain with their employees; and

7           WHEREAS, The Governor claims that collective bargaining  
8 has led to higher property taxes and hindered the economic  
9 growth of the State; and

10          WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to encourage  
11 development within the State, encourage responsible use of tax  
12 dollars, and ensure the fair treatment of Illinois' highly  
13 skilled and valuable public sector employees; and

14          WHEREAS, The General Assembly seeks to implement laws and

1 policies that balance the interests of taxpayers and local  
2 governments with the interests of educators, public safety  
3 employees, and other vital public servants;

4 WHEREAS, The Governor, along with business interests,  
5 claims that the current civil justice system in Illinois allows  
6 for venue shopping, the targeting of deep pocketed defendants,  
7 and inflated medical expense verdicts, all of which the  
8 Governor claims have hindered the economic growth of the State;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The General Assembly wishes to encourage business  
11 and development within the State while encouraging injured  
12 parties to pursue meritorious claims when they are harmed due  
13 to the wrongdoing of others; and

14 WHEREAS, The General Assembly seeks to implement laws and  
15 policies that balance the interests of businesses and injured  
16 parties and that further a fair and efficient judicial system;  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20 CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Task Force on Civil Law Practice  
21 and Procedure is created to examine the number of lawsuits  
22 filed in Illinois, specifically from out-of-state parties;

1 proper venue; liability of parties; the calculation of medical  
2 expenses; the effects of the Illinois civil justice system on  
3 the economic growth of the State; the specific proposals  
4 contained in Senate Bill 884, Senate Bill 2153, House Bill  
5 4222, and House Bill 4246 of the 99th General Assembly; and be  
6 it further

7       RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Civil Law Practice and  
8 Procedure shall consist of 14 members who shall represent the  
9 diversity of the people, interests, and geography of the State  
10 and shall be appointed as follows:

11           (1) the Chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee  
12 and the Chairperson of the House Judiciary - Civil  
13 Committee, who shall serve as Co-Chairpersons of the Task  
14 Force;

15           (2) 3 members appointed by the President of the Senate;

16           (3) 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
17 Representatives;

18           (4) 2 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
19 Senate;

20           (5) 2 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
21 House of Representatives; and

22           (6) 2 members appointed by the Governor; and be it  
23 further

1           RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Collective Bargaining  
2 Rights and Taxpayer Protection is created to examine the  
3 effects that local collective bargaining has on property taxes,  
4 study the likely effects of limiting the collective bargaining  
5 rights of local government employees; the specific proposals  
6 contained in Senate Bill 1046, Senate Bill 2152, House Bill  
7 4224, and House Bill 4247 of the 99th General Assembly; and  
8 local tax policies, including but not limited to tax credits  
9 and exemptions; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That the Task Force on Local Collective  
11 Bargaining and Taxpayer Protection shall consist of 14 members  
12 who shall represent the diversity of the people, interests, and  
13 geography of the State and shall be appointed as follows:

14           (1) the Chairperson of the Senate Labor Committee and  
15 the Chairperson of the House Labor and Commerce Committee,  
16 who shall serve as Co-Chairpersons of the Task Force;

17           (2) 3 members appointed by the President of the Senate;

18           (3) 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives;

20           (4) 2 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
21 Senate;

22           (5) 2 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
23 House of Representatives; and

24           (6) 2 members appointed by the Governor; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That each Task Force shall hold meetings composed  
3 of a majority of the members appointed to receive testimony,  
4 and each Task Force meeting shall be open to the public with at  
5 least 6 days notice, which shall be posted on the General  
6 Assembly's website, [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov); and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That at the call of the Co-Chairpersons, each  
8 Task Force shall conduct at least 4 public hearings in 4  
9 distinct geographic regions of the State before submitting its  
10 final report; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate and House of Representatives  
12 shall provide administrative support to both Task Forces as  
13 needed and all members shall serve without compensation but  
14 shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary travel  
15 expenses; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That both Task Forces may consult with and seek  
17 advice and recommendations from subject matter experts for the  
18 purpose of examining specific issues within the purview of each  
19 respective Task Force; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That each Task Force shall submit a report on its  
21 findings to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than

1 September 1, 2016; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the final reports and any supporting  
3 documentation for each Task Force shall be made available to  
4 the public on the Illinois General Assembly's website,  
5 [www.ilga.gov](http://www.ilga.gov)".